

# EXCURSIONISTS AT DONNER LAKE.

DONNER LAKE, July 25, 1868.

Since our arrival here our headquarters have been at Mr. Neff's ranch, situated on the north side of the Lake. This house being on the Dutch Flat road, is public for all travelers. Mr. Neff has a wood ranch. Logs are floated to the opposite side of the Lake where a saw mill is running night and day. Indeed considerable business is done all around the Lake and on the adjoining hills.

Standing in front of Mr. Neff's house we have a fine view of the Lake and its surroundings. One can see it entire from this point. It is three miles long and one mile wide. The water is calm in the morning and at night. Only for a little while in the latter part of the afternoon the wind rises and ruffles its surface. It is never so rough as to prevent persons from fishing. Fish plentiful and some kinds easy to capture. It is but a half hour's work to catch two dozen "chubs." Trout abound in great abundance but it is difficult to "hook 'em." Suckers and white fish seldom "bite." One might stand in a boat all day trying to catch one of them and not succeed.

The Lake in the morning resembles a true mirror. Looking down into the water when the cars are passing the hill on the south side, we can distinguish every one of them as plainly as by observing them on the hill itself. The same with the trees, hills and mountains on the west. Spearing trout in the Lake at night is one of the great sports of this place.

Between the Lake and Coburn's station some fine hay ranches can be seen. Mr. King's, for instance, is a fine place to feed stock, the grass being very high and tender, and plenty of water from different streams. There are three public houses on the borders of the Lake—the Donner Lake Hotel situated at the eastern end of the lake, Neff's house on the northern side, and the Lake House on the west end. They are all good places for the accommodation of excursionists.

The hills, especially those on the northern side of the lake, are filled with ground hogs, which are easily captured with dogs, and large numbers are thus caught. Here trees grow luxuriantly, and pretty birds fill the woods with life and song. Deer and grizzly bear are also numerous in the northern and eastern hills.

Judging from the frequent trains that run up and down the Pacific railroad on the opposite hill, the Company must be doing an extensive business. One thing which many persons condemn with good reason is the cutting of the timber which surrounds this Lake. We understand the destruction is caused by the Railroad Company. This timber cannot be of great use to the Company, as, compared with the thousands of pine trees outside and on the line of the railroad, it is much smaller. The timber remains uncut, and in many places it would be a blessing to have it out of the way. We think very much of the beautiful scenery of the Lake to be thus destroyed. Denuded of the ornamental forest robes given by Nature to the Lake the grandeur of this place of resort would be destroyed, and it could be no more attractive than Ashoe Lake.

The weather is very fine. The mornings and evenings are not cold, but pleasant, and the days are not so warm as to prevent one from fishing and hunting. Indeed it is unexceptionable during this season of the year.

There have been numerous losses recently in the northern and eastern hills occasioned by the attacks of the grizzly on young cattle. They generally kill calves one year old. Mr. Neff has lost eight during two nights. Were it not for the destruction of cattle by these beasts, as tenacious of life as they are destructive, very likely beef would be much cheaper than at present rates.

The Dutch Flat road seems to have been completely abandoned by its owners. No toll is collected on it where there have been, and we learn from travelers it is thus from Coburn's Station to Dutch Flat. By the building of the road the Dutch Flaters lost their "pet" route. No stage travels on it, and since our arrival here we have not served a mule, horse or ox team on

the route. Only now and then some horsemen, a ranch wagon or a buggy is to be seen.

On yesterday (Friday) quite a number of citizens of Coburn's Station and other portions of Nevada county assembled at Mr. Neff's house for the purpose of attending a shooting match in the afternoon given by Mr. N. The shooting lasted till almost dark, and we can assure you the chickens did suffer. Several dozen of them were shot. Indeed the people of Donner Lake and vicinity have some excellent marksmen among them.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff also gave a regular old fashioned "quilting party," during the day, and a grand dance in the evening to which your correspondent received complimentary invitation, and did attend of course. Early in the morning, ladies young and old began to come in to be on hand in good season. The "quilting party" was really interesting and new to us. And talk about dancing! and your repetitions of quadrilles and the like! Why, here is the place to see them "go it!" We have never seen anybody enjoy a dance more heartily and with more grace than did those at the party last evening. Everybody wanted to dance and they did dance! The young ladies over here all look gay and healthy, and show every mark of kindness and good will toward strangers, and try to make them feel as though they were at home; and for our part we did think, for a time, we were at home. The supper was excellent, and Mr. and Mrs. N. displayed on the table all the luxuries the Coburn market and the adjoining ranches afford. The music was good, under the leadership of Mr. A. O. Friend.

To-morrow, in company with Mr. Lafayette Neff, who has kindly volunteered to escort us, we will proceed to Independence Lake, situated twelve or thirteen miles north of here, in Sierra county, California. It is said to be as large as Donner Lake, and that no one lives there. This visit will probably occupy us two days or more. MAUTE.

ROBBERY, MURDER AND SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA CITY.—From the Tresspass of last evening we learn that: Saturday night, 18th instant, the bedroom of Michael Green, at Michael Fitzpatrick's boarding house, Silver City, was entered and \$105 in coin and a watch abstracted from between the mattresses upon which Green was sleeping. Suspicion of the theft rested upon a man known as "Russian Pete" who occupied an adjoining room. In attempting to arrest this man in Virginia on Sunday he escaped to the old North Potosi Tunnel and took refuge in the mouth of the drift. In a short time the Sheriff, several of his deputies, and a large number of spectators collected about the spot. Sheriff Mulcahy advanced a few steps into the tunnel and held a short parley with the refugee—being by him warned not to approach too near. To the Sheriff's advice that he had better surrender without taking any desperate chances, Pete replied: "No, I am boss in here, and I won't be taken out of here alive; no son of a b—h in the world can arrest me!" Preparations were made to stop the stream of water at the mouth of the tunnel and thus drown the prisoner out. Mr. A. C. Scott used the pick for a short time, when Walter Williams, formerly a blacksmith at the Gould & Curry, took hold to relieve him. Williams had struck but a few blows, when Pete slipped to the mouth of the tunnel, took deliberate aim and shot him through the heart. The desperado had the advantage of being in the dark and at the same time seeing everything that was going on in front. The work was commenced about 18 feet back from the mouth to sink down to and cave in the top of the tunnel. Pete cautiously approached the mouth of the tunnel, took a hurried survey of the vast crowd about his hiding place, answered a shot from a pistol, and upon jumping back another shot was heard in the mouth of the tunnel, a kind of dull thud. Pete had placed the muzzle of his pistol, a six-shooter, in his mouth and fired, the ball passing through the roof of the mouth and base of the brain. The Tresspass says: Walter Williams, the murdered man, was a native of Lime Lake township, Hungerford county, Canada West, aged 36 years in April last, has been ten years on this coast, and leaves a mother and sister in Canada; formerly lived in Nevada county, Cal., from whence he came to this city in 1863, where he has since been engaged as blacksmith most of the time either at the Gould and Curry or Savage mine. He was a member of Virginia Lodge, No. 3, F. and A. M. and will be buried by his Masonic brethren this afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him, and his early and tragic death has cast a gloom over the hearts of his many warm personal friends.

Peter Hill (commonly called Russian Pete) was a native of Finland, aged about 38 years; formerly resided at Timbuctoo, Yuba county, Cal., and has been in this State three or four years, mostly engaged in teaming and working at the tailing sluices in Gold Cañon and

about Dayton. By those who have known him for the past 16 years, he was not considered a dishonest, desperate nor dangerous character, though he was given to hard drink at times. A gentleman in this city informs us that Hill was as peaceable, quiet and honest a man as he ever met; that he has frequently loaned him money, and that Pete was always punctual in his payments. This gentleman is of opinion that Hill's desperation was the result of mania a potu, superinduced by hard drink for the past few days, and the excitement consequent upon the attempt at arrest. The affair was one of the most desperate and tragic that has occurred in this city since the bloody days of 1862-3.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—E. B. Rail serves notice upon all persons indebted to him to settle their bills by cash or note, immediately.

CLOSING OUT TO REDUCE STOCK.—REAPERS AND MOWERS AT COST.—Mr. E. B. Rail proposes to reduce the quantity of his stock of goods on hand, and with that purpose informs the citizens of Carson, Virginia City and elsewhere that he will sell, for cash, at a bargain his assortment of hardware, tinware, crockery, paints and oils, iron and steel, &c., and that he has on hand a few reapers and mowers which he will sell at cost for coin.

MAGNOLIA SALOON,  
COUNTY BUILDING,  
Carson City, Nevada.  
GEORGE LEWIS, MILES REESE,  
LEWIS & REESE,  
PROPRIETORS.

THE PUBLIC WILL PLEASE TAKE notice that they have thoroughly refitted and refurnished their  
Splendid Saloon.  
Where they keep constantly on hand the Best Quality and Finest Brands of  
LIQUORS AND CIGARS.  
All the choicest bottled liquors will be found at this Saloon.  
BRANDIES.—Gard, Dupuy & Co., Cognac and Proprietors.  
WHISKIES.—Old Bourbon and Cutters.  
CHAMPAGNES.—Napoleon Cabinet, Green Seal, Imperial Cabinet, Eugene Cluquet and Heidsieck.  
HAVANA CIGARS,  
ALL THE BEST BRANDS.  
The Saloon is the most complete of the kind in the State.  
Carson, July 6, 1868.

FRUIT  
AND  
VEGETABLES  
RECEIVED DAILY BY  
Fast Freight and Express, by  
S. ABRAHAM,  
SALOON CORNER CARSON AND SECOND  
STREETS. ALSO,  
CONFECTIONERY,  
CIGARS,  
TOBACCO,  
ICE CREAM,  
SODA WATER.  
Carson, July 21, 1868.

FAMILY GROCERY!  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ESTABLISHED A Family Grocery in PENROD BLOCK, Carson street, where he will keep constantly on hand  
Fresh and Canned Fruits,  
and Vegetables,  
Of all kinds, in addition to the  
Staple Articles  
Of a well furnished Provision Store.  
THE CHOICEST PRODUCTS  
of Field and Garden constantly on hand.  
A SHARE OF PUBLIC PATRONAGE IS SOLICITED.  
Z. PIERCE, Proprietor.  
Carson, July 21, 1868.

FURNITURE  
AT AUCTION PRICES.  
The undersigned will sell, at his place of business, north side of the Plaza, an assortment of  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
Consisting of  
BEDSTEADS, CROCKERY, BEDDING,  
STOVES, CHAIRS, TABLES, SOFAS,  
And General  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.  
Persons desiring to purchase such articles will do well to give me a call.  
Jy23lm J. B. CORNACK.

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!  
LOUIS MANDLEBAUM  
—DEALER IN—  
Groceries, Provisions, Liquors and General Merchandise.  
Having leased the Brick Store lately occupied by G. A. Sears, will constantly keep on hand CALIFORNIA HAMS, BACON, FRESH RANCH BUTTER, EGGS, LARD, TEAS, SUGAR, COFFEE, SYRUPS, CORN MEAL, FLOUR, GREEN, CAN AND DRIED FRUITS;  
Confectionery; Wines and Liquors; and an assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.  
Families will find it to their advantage to examine my stock. Remember the place: SEARS' BRICK STORE, CARSON CITY, NEV.  
LOUIS MANDLEBAUM  
Carson, June 1, 1868.

THE  
Crowning Musical Triumph  
OF THE YEAR.  
CHICKERING & SONS'  
PIANO FORTES  
Were awarded, at the Paris Exposition  
THE FIRST GRAND PRIZE,  
THE LEGION OF HONOR, and a  
GRAND GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR.  
MAKING 63 FIRST PREMIUMS!  
DALE & CO.,  
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA.  
PROFESSOR G. J. GEE, Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music. Orders left at Dale & Co.'s.  
MR. JOHN MEDER, in Carson, will answer any questions in relation to the Pianos.

NEW YORK  
RESTAURANT.  
WM. P. JOY, Proprietor.  
Carson City, Nevada.  
THIS RESTAURANT HAVING BEEN NEWLY refitted, repainted and refurnished, the night out, is kept open from 5 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night, and is well supplied with  
GAME,  
And all the Luxuries the Market Affords.  
Mr. JOY has now superior facilities for the accommodation of  
Breakfast and Dinner Parties,  
With the Choicest Products of the Field and the Market.  
He has recently added to his establishment a room for  
Ladies and Private Parties,  
Who will receive all the attention and as good fare as can be obtained at the best Hotels.  
LOCATION: Next door to Munckton & Warner's Drug Store.  
No more book accounts will be kept. A continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore extended to this establishment is respectfully solicited.  
Wm. P. JOY,  
Carson, May 4, 1868.

ICE,  
ICE CREAM  
AND  
CHOICE GARDEN PRODUCTS.  
THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED TO FILL Orders for Ice, Ice Cream, and Fresh Vegetables.  
Families Supplied.  
Ice Cream furnished at all hours of the day and evening, at  
Haine's Garden.  
MOSES P. HAINE, Proprietor.  
Carson, July 24.

CHINESE  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICE,  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA.  
Cooks, Servants, or Persons for any Kind of Labor,  
Procured at Short Notice, and Reasonable Wages.  
THE BEST OF HELP  
Always on Hand.  
All Chinese, Chinatown, next Doctor.  
Carson, July 3, 1868.

PROPOSALS  
FOR BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER CLEAR CREEK, will be received at the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Ormsby County, in Carson City, up to 10 o'clock A. M.,  
August 3, 1868.  
Plans and Specifications can be seen at the above named place, and at the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, in Genoa. One half of the expense will be paid by Ormsby county and one-half by Douglas county. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.  
By order of the Board.  
M. J. ASHMOPE, Clerk.  
Carson, July 21st, 1868.

THE CHEAPEST AND PUREST  
CALIFORNIA  
WINES AND BRANDIES  
Ever offered in the State, can now be found at  
G. D. FRYER'S  
CARSON STREET, CARSON CITY.  
These Wines and Brandies are from THIESEN & CO.'S Distillery, in El Dorado County, Cal., and for  
FLAVOR, PURITY AND PRICE,  
Are not excelled by any imported from Europe.  
For Sale by the Gallon or Barrel.  
G. D. FRYER.  
Carson, July 14th 1868.

1,000  
MEN AND BOYS  
WANTED!  
J. ROSENSTOCK'S,  
TO PURCHASE  
GREAT BARGAINS!  
Suits for \$10,  
Suits for \$12,  
Suits for \$15.  
Boys' Suits for \$4,  
BOYS' SUITS FOR \$5,  
MEN'S BOOTS FOR \$3,  
Men's Boots for \$4,  
Men's Boots for \$5.  
GO AND SEE THEM  
BEFORE  
Purchasing Elsewhere.  
J. ROSENSTOCK.  
Carson, June 9, 1868.

JOSEPH MANDLEBAUM. JACOB TURNER  
MANDLEBAUM & TOBRINER  
Corner Carson and Musser Sts.,  
CARSON CITY.  
WE WOULD CALL THE ATTENTION OF the Public to our  
WELL ASSORTED  
STOCK OF GOODS!!  
We keep constantly on hand a large stock of  
GROCERIES,  
PROVISIONS,  
WINE AND LIQUORS,  
CROCKERY, HARDWARE,  
WALL PAPER, PAINTS,  
AND OILS, BOOTS,  
Men's Furnishing Goods  
And an assortment of  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE!  
All of which we offer at  
WHOLESALE and RETAIL  
Very Low Prices!  
Orders from the Country Promptly  
and  
ATTENDED TO

NEW SPRING GOODS!  
KOPPEL & PLATT,  
Carson City, Nevada,  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF SPRING GOODS, consisting of  
NEW SUITS,  
HATS, CAPS,  
CRAVATS,  
BOOTS AND SHOES  
WHICH THEY OFFER FOR SALE CHEAP.  
Carson, March 25, 1868.

JAS. LINFORTH, E. D. RAIL, F. O. KELLOGG,  
LINFORTH, KELLOGG & RAIL  
Successors to L. B. Benchley & Co.,  
IMPORTERS and JOBBERS  
—OF—  
AMERICAN,  
ENGLISH,  
AND GERMAN  
HARDWARE,  
AGRICULTURAL  
IMPLEMENTS,  
—AND—  
MINING TOOLS.  
NOS. 3 AND 5 FRONT STREET,  
NEAR MARKET,  
SAN FRANCISCO.  
April 24, 1868.

STAR OF THE UNION  
CELEBRATED  
STOMACH BITTERS!  
These delicious Stomach Bitters are entirely Vegetable, and free from alcohol and every hurtful ingredient.  
TRY THEM!  
TRY THEM!  
JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!  
A pleasant tonic and a most agreeable drink. The market is flooded with poisonous compounds, but F. J. C. Bitters, made from the purest extracts of valuable roots, herbs and barks, are admirably adapted as the cure of all affections of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, such as Dyspepsia, Fever, Headache, Loss of Appetite, etc., etc. For sale every where. A. F. FENKHAUSEN, Sole Manufacturer, New York and Jackson, San Francisco.